## **Cal-bred Opportunities Abound in the North**

uring a membership meeting at Golden Gate Fields a few years ago, the CTBA, having listened to breeders/owners based in the north, made a commitment not only to encourage more Cal-bred restricted racing opportunities in Northern California, but also to supplement those races financially through the California-bred Race Fund. I am very pleased to report that in 2018 many new Cal-bred restricted maiden races were offered and were well supported in the entry box.

Once again we are pleased to announce and co-sponsor the fifth consecutive Calbred Turf Extravaganza, to be held Sunday, April 28, at Golden Gate Fields. This event will offer the \$100,000 Silky Sullivan and \$100,000 Campanile for 3-year-olds and 3-year-old fillies, respectively, as well as two first-condition allowance races. In addition, on Saturday, April 27, we will include two Cal-bred restricted maiden allowance races on the turf, providing a total of six Cal-bred races to be carded over the two days.

As in the past, the overnight races offered each day will have higher purses through supplements from the Cal-bred Race Fund. As mentioned above, this "super charging" of overnight purses has been extremely popular and successful in Northern California. With the focus in the north being primarily on open races (due to the overall horse inventory), which includes the added 30% bonus to California-breds, these supplements in restricted races provide a total purse equal to or greater than the open races, with the benefit of the fields being limited to strictly Cal-breds.

As the Cal-bred Turf Extravaganza is now an annual fixture on the calendar, we would like to acknowledge and thank both Golden Gate Fields and the Thoroughbred Owners of California for their ongoing support. A complete listing of race conditions and purses is shown in the table below.

Also, in regard to racing during the fair meets, we will again offer two Golden State Series races later this year. They include the \$100,000 Everett Nevin Stakes at Pleasanton and the \$100,000 Harris Farms Stakes at Fresno. We are also discussing the possibility of other Cal-bred restricted races during the summer fair season, similar to what has been offered at Golden Gate Fields. The CTBA Racing Committee continues to look at innovative ways to provide more opportunities for owners/breeders in both the north and the south.

We look forward to seeing you at Golden Gate Fields the last weekend in April, where we expect good, competitive fields and a great day of racing.

## **GOLDEN GATE FIELDS**

## Saturday, April 27

Maiden Special Weight – Cal-bred – 3&Up –  $1\frac{1}{16}$ M – Turf - \$40,000 (Includes \$10,000 from Cal-bred Race Fund)

Maiden Special Weight – Cal-bred – F/M 3&Up – 11/16M – Turf - \$40,000 (Includes \$10,000 from Cal-bred Race Fund)

## Sunday, April 28

Allowance Non-Winners of 1 – Cal-bred – 3&Up – 11/16M – Turf - \$41,000 (Includes \$10,000 from Cal-bred Race Fund)

Allowance Non-Winners of 1 – Cal-bred – F/M 3&Up – 11/16M – Turf - \$41,000 (Includes \$10,000 from Cal-bred Race Fund)

Campanile Stakes – Cal-bred – Fillies 3YO – 1M – Turf - \$100,000 (Includes \$50,000 from CTBA)

Silky Sullivan Stakes – Cal-bred – 3YO – 1M – Turf - \$100,000 (Includes \$50,000 from CTBA)